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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 8 March 1965

General Carter was in the Chair as Acting DCI.

There was a Current Intelligence Briefing covering: Vietnam; BARRELL ROLL 35; repair of the Mu Gia Pass hit by a previous BARRELL ROLL; improving prospects in the Congo; implications of West German establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel; Kerala elections in India; smashing victory of Frei's party in Chile parliamentary elections; readout

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attributed to the Soviet Press Attache in Burma who claims the Soviets will aid North Vietnam with missiles and a Cosmic Ray.

DDP noted the conflicting lines of thought in newspaper articles yesterday concerning the Sino/Soviet relationship in the face of the Vietnam issue. One was the George Kennan article and the other by Zagoria. This led to a discussion of the matter. DDI believes the Vietnam issue adds a strain to the relationship. It was agreed to do a memo spelling out the Agency view.

DDS&T noted that 1017 -1 had set a record for CORONA coverage and that Lt. Col. Webb had played an instrumental role in planning the extent of this coverage.

DDS&T reported that 1017 -2 had been retrieved successfully. He noted that a U-2 has been deployed to [redacted] He said he would be conferring with General Carter and Executive Director on OXCART deployment to the [redacted]

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Houston reported that Kermit Gordon is conducting quiet meetings with the Attorney General and Executive Department Legislative Liaison Officers looking into the growing amount of legislation (such as the Early Retirement Bill) which, in some particulars, dilutes the authority of the Executive Department by requiring congressional approvals. These meetings are being kept quiet. One objective is eventually to recommend repeal of the offensive features. A Congressional Committee is also studying the matter from a Congressional point of view.

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DDI noted that there is a considerable hassle between the U.S. and

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Executive Director reported on his trip to the West Coast, including his speech at the Monterey Navy Post Graduate School,

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and his meeting with Admiral Cheek who is being asked to prepare an article for Studies in Intelligence on the Battle of the Philippine Sea.

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General Carter reported that he had disapproved a proposed U-2 flight from over the weekend which could have covered only one of the priority targets in the Sino/Vietnam border area.

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General Carter referred to his telephone conversation last night with Mr. McCone who had wanted to know if DDS&T had seen the Garwin report. (The answer is negative), and who is concerned about the briefing for Vice President Humphrey tomorrow. General Carter had explained that this in train and will be handled by the DCI who will brief on the Community and the roles of the DCI.

General Carter reported on the State-JCS meeting he attended Friday on Indonesia and Vietnam. General Carter has prepared an MR on this meeting.

General Carter noted that he and Bross had met with Secretary Vance on NRO on Saturday, and the outlook for progress is encouraging.

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